

The Jesus Perspective in Action

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Spin • Philippians 2 • Message 4

WELCOME • NEW BUILDING • PRAY

Review

*I can't do right unless I see right.
If I focus on the gospel, everything can be a victory.
If I lose myself to God, he gives me life for his glory.*

WHO WANTS TO DO THAT? • BUT THIS IS FOUNDATIONAL TO SOMETHING PAUL IS TEACHING
LET'S GET REORIENTED

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Context

Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ...

Philippians 1:27a NIV

THE GOSPEL IS ABOUT JESUS • IF THE GOSPEL MADE A DIFFERENCE → JESUS PERSPECTIVE
ADOPTING THE JESUS PERSPECTIVE CHANGES YOUR RELATIONSHIPS TO GOD AND OTHERS!

Philippians 2:1-2 (p. 819)

BOTH INDIVIDUAL AND COMMUNAL ASPECTS • VENN DIAGRAM

*If I'm a believer, I'm **REQUIRED** to be in
COMMUNITY with other believers.*

SOAPBOX: CHRISTIANITY HAS BEEN INDIVIDUALIZED
ISOLATED CHRISTIANS DON'T KNOW THESE BLESSINGS OR DON'T HAVE THEM

Philippians 2:3-4

ILL: MY IDEALISM IN CHICAGO • NO ATTACK, NO DEFENSE, TRUE TRANSPARENCY • DIDN'T WORK

*Christian community **REQUIRES** me to be
DEFERENTIAL toward other believers.*

BUT THIS IS THE REAL WORLD... NO ONE LIVES LIKE THAT!

Philippians 2:5-11

*The Jesus perspective produces **HUMBLE
DEFERENCE** toward other believers.*

Philippians 2:12-13

THESE VERSES DON'T TALK ABOUT RELATIONSHIP AT ALL! • NIV ON VERSE 5!
THE MAIN POINT OF THE POEM IS JESUS WITH HIS FATHER!!!

*The Jesus perspective produces humble **OBEDIENCE** to God.*

MADE HIMSELF NOTHING... FOR IT IS GOD WHO WORKS IN YOU!!!

*Humble obedience is **DEPENDENT** obedience.*

Philippians 2:14-18

BACK TO RELATIONSHIPS AGAIN? NOT REALLY... ABOUT THE IMPACT WE HAVE ON THE WORLD
JUN 28: SCOTUS ON GAY MARRIAGE & THREE TERRORISM ATTACKS ON THE SAME DAY / DEPRAVED

*Living in **UNITY** with **INTEGRITY**, upholding the
WORD of **LIFE**, that's our **LIGHT** in a depraved world!*

Philippians 2:19-30

EVERYONE LOOKS OUT FOR THEIR OWN INTERESTS, BUT TIMOTHY...
EPAPHRODITUS RISKED HIS LIFE TO BRING ASSISTANCE TO PAUL...

*Timothy and Epaphroditus have demonstrated the Jesus Perspective by
their **EAGERNESS** to **SERVE**.*

Take it Home

IF JESUS MAKES A DIFFERENCE FOR YOU, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE HIS PERSPECTIVE

The Jesus perspective requires and produces:

*humble **DEFERENCE** toward **OTHERS**,
dependent **OBEDIENCE** to **GOD**,
and sacrificially **SERVING BOTH**.*

IF YOU ARE A CHRISTIAN, THIS IS REQUIRED OF YOU.

IF YOU AREN'T A CHRISTIAN, WOULDN'T YOU LOVE IT IF YOU SAW US LIVE THIS WAY?

New Building Update:

LCC has entered into a 30 day contract with the owner of the property at 2301 Concord that will end with us closing on the property or walking away from it depending on God's guidance and its true feasibility for our church.

I and the other elders believe that this property is the reason God had us do our financial campaign and that it will become a spiritual "starter home" for hundreds of spiritually homeless in Lafayette, but we are still seeking God for wisdom.

*I'm asking you all to join me for one month of prayer, and I encourage you to also engage in times of fasting during this month. Additionally, Pastor Billy and I will be meeting at **2301 Concord each Saturday in July from 6-7pm** to spend some time in prayer together, and we would love for you to join us.*

Finally, I and the elders are working through all the concerns that have been brought to us over the past two weeks, and God is giving us some really interesting ideas, but the bottom line is that I'm personally committed to making sure that no one who feels uncomfortable with this move will be left behind.